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SUBJECT: FRG SUPPORT FOR GREEK ACCESSION TO EC

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1. IN CONVERSATION WITH EMBOFF ON MAY 28, DR. TRUMPF
IN MFA DESK DEALING WITH EC ASSOCIATION AGREEMENTS SHED
FURTHER LIGHT ON WAY IN WHICH EC MEMBERSHIP QUESTION
TREATED IN DISCUSSION BETWEEN CARAMANLIS AND SCHMIDT.
CARAMANLIS EXPLAINED THAT AFTER DEALING WITH THE MAJOR
POLITICAL ISSUES HE FACED UPON COMING INTO OFFICE SUCH
AS STATUS OF MONARCHY, HE HAD TURNED TO NEXT TASK OF
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STRENGTHENING GREEK TIES WITH WESTERN EUROPE. CHANCELLOR

RESPONDED THAT IF GREECE WANTED TO BE A PART OF WESTERN EUROPEAN GROUPING, IT MUST RECOGNIZE IMPORTANCE OF COMMON WESTERN SECURITY GOALS AND ARRANGEMENTS TO MEET THESE GOALS. FRG HAD FOUND IT VERY DIFFICULT TO DEAL WITH STATUS OF FRANCE VIS-A-VIS NATO AND DID NOT WELCOME MOVES BY OTHER NATO MEMBERS TO ADOPT A SIMILAR POLICY OF INDEPENDENCE WITHIN THE ALLIANCE. CARAMANLIS SAID THAT THE GREEK SITUATION WAS FUNDAMENTALLY DIFFERENT FROM THAT OF FRENCH. IN WAKE OF TURKISH INVASION OF CYPRUS, CARAMANLIS WAS FORCED TO TAKE SOME FORM OF ACTION WHICH WOULD HAVE A STRONG AND IMMEDIATE PUBLIC IMPACT -- EITHER THAT OR GO TO WAR WITH TURKEY. HE ASSURED SCHMIDT THAT GREECE REMAINS COMMITTED TO ALLIANCE GOALS, AND THAT HE WILL WORK TO BRING GREECE BACK INTO FULL PARTICIPATION IN NATO ONCE SITUATION IN CYPRUS IMPROVES.

2. ACCORDING TO TRUMPF, THE CHANCELLOR ACCEPTED THIS ASSURANCE BY CARAMANLIS AND IN TURN TOLD CARAMANLIS THAT FRG WOULD SUPPORT GREEK EFFORTS TO JOIN EC. THE TWO AGREED THAT DETAILS SHOULD BE LEFT TO THE EXPERTS AND DID NOT PURSUE THIS ISSUE FURTHER. HOWEVER, IN SEPARATE CONVERSATION WITH CARAMANLIS, FRG OFFICIALS CAUTIONED THAT GREECE SHOULD BE FLEXIBLE ON TIMETABLE FOR ACCEDING TO EC, AND TRUMPF THOUGHT THAT CARAMANLIS WOULD ACCEPT THIS ADVICE.

3. OF THE MANY PROBLEMS TO BE FACED IN WORKING TO BRING GREECE INTO THE COMMUNITY, TRUMPF INDICATED THAT THE NEED TO MAINTAIN A DEGREE OF BALANCE IN RELATIONS WITH TURKEY WAS THE MOST SERIOUS ONE AT THE MOMENT. TRUMPF OBSERVED THAT THE EC ASSOCIATION AGREEMENT WITH TURKEY ALREADY SETS FORTH A TIMETABLE FOR TURKISH MEMBERSHIP AT A LATER DATE (L995) AND THOUGHT IT MIGHT BE POSSIBLE FOR EC TO OFFER TO SHORTEN THIS TIMETABLE SOMEWHAT. EXPRESSING DOUBT THAT TURKEY WOULD EVER BE IN POSITION TO JOIN EC, TRUMPF ADDED THAT HE WOULD NOT WANT TO SEE THIS TIMETABLE SHORTENED BY TOO MUCH. HE THEREFORE FEARED THAT AN OFFER LIMITED TO A SYMBOLIC SHORTENING OF THE TIMETABLE WOULD NOT BE SUFFICIENT, AND THAT AN ADDITIONAL SWEETENER WOULD BE REQUIRED. HE SUPPOSED THAT SOMETHING MORE COULD BE DONE, PROVIDED TURKISH DEMANDS

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